

ABSTRACTPROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AROMATIC AMINES

5 There is provided a process for the preparation of aromatic amines of Formula (1):



Formula (1)

10 where R^x is optionally substituted aryl and R^y is optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, which comprises:

(a) reducing a compound of Formula (2):



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Formula (2)

to give a compound of Formula (3):



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Formula (3)

then, (b) reacting a compound of Formula (3) with a leaving group donor, to give a compound of Formula (4);

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Formula (4)

and, (c) reacting a compound of Formula (4) with ammonia to give the compound of Formula (1).

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